

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, March 26, 2002**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review meeting was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence. Absent were Board members Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker. Also present were Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brendel motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

**ARB# 115-01 Berret's Restaurant/199 South Boundary Street – Awnings –
Approved.**

ARB# 24-02 WRHA/Triangle Building – New lighting for the complex – Approved.

ARB# 26-02 Doley/703 Powell Street – Fence – Approved.

ARB# 27-02 Glenny/525 Newport Avenue – Outbuilding & Fence – Approved.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker.

Abstain: Ms. Williams and Mr. Spence from ARB# 115-01.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB# 111-01 WRHA/733 Scotland Street – New Single Family Dwelling (revise porch materials approved by the Board)

Roger Guernsey, Guernsey and Tingle Architects, and Jim Gurganus, Williamsburg Housing Authority, were present to discuss the changes to the new dwelling at 733 Scotland Street. Mr. Guernsey requested approval of the following two changes to the front porch:

1. Install a perma-porch railing system" instead of wood.
2. Install a treated spaced decking instead of tongue and groove decking.

Mr. Guernsey stated the “perma-porch railing system” was chosen because of low maintenance and it’s durability. He presented a cut sheet of the system to the Board for review. He noted that the railing was a composite synthetic material that would look and feel like wood.

Mr. Guernsey noted that the porch decking was changed from tongue and groove to treated spaced decking to prevent water from ponding on the decking. He noted that the decking would have a bull nose edge with the skirt being painted to match the dwelling.

After a general discussion the Board was concerned with the “perma-porch railing system” and requested that a sample of the railing system be provided for review. Mr. Guernsey agreed to provide a sample at a later meeting. The Board noted that synthetic material had been approved for other projects if the material was located in an area that could not be touched by the public. It was noted that synthetic material may look like wood but if touched did not feel like wood.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the deck material for ARB# 111-01 and to table the “perma-porch railing system” to allow the applicant to provide a sample at a later meeting.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker.

Abstain: None.

ARB# 28-02 Zareski/708 Richmond Road – Fence

Steve Zareski was present to discuss his fence proposal with the Board. He noted the following:

- That the picket fence would be 42-inches in height and would match the existing fences around the mechanical equipment on his property.
- That the picket fence was necessary so that he could let his two small dogs out to get exercise without having to put them on a leash.
- That he would never want to do anything that would detract from his neighbor’s bed and breakfast or his own bed and breakfast.

The Board asked Mr. Zareski who owed the existing fence that ran along the left side of the property and if he planned to attach the fence to his neighbor’s fence. Mr. Zareski stated the six-foot fence was on his neighbor’s property and that he would not attach his fence to the neighbor’s fence. He noted that a 1-inch separation would exist between the two fences.

Mr. Williams asked anyone in the audience had comments.

Ms. Inge Curtis, 706 Richmond Road expressed a concern with the noise created by the dogs barking thereby detracting from her business. Mr. Zareski noted that his dogs would not be outside for long periods of time because they were housedogs thereby kept inside most of the time. The Board was sympathetic to Ms. Curtis plea, but explained that they could not deny a proposal based on the potential of animal noise because animal noise was not part of Architectural Review Guidelines or the Board's purview.

Mr. Nelson Kerr, 704 Richmond Road also expressed a concern with noise and asked if the applicant allowed customers to bring dogs with them when they stayed at the Zareski's bed and breakfast. Mr. Zareksi noted that customers were not allowed to bring dogs to their bed and breakfast.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve ARB# 28-02 as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker.

Abstain: None.

CORRIDOR PROTECTION DISTRICT

ARB# 29-02 Rocky's Ice Cream/1351 Richmond Road - Exterior change (replace window)

Nicholas Tessino was present to discuss his proposal for the Rocky's Ice Cream. He noted the following changes to the building and property:

- Replace one window with a white aluminum window in order that ice cream could be serviced from outside the building. He noted that ice cream would not be served inside the building.
- Add four wooden picnic tables and two wooden benches for an outdoor eating area as shown on the site plan provided with the application. He noted that if the wooden picnic tables were not appropriate that he would provide metal picnic tables and present a picture for the Board to review.

After a general discussion, the Board agreed that the window replacement was acceptable. However; the proposed picnic tables and the design of the eating area did not meet the **Design Review Guidelines** for aesthetic enhancement of the **Corridor Protection District**. The Board suggested that the applicant present a more comprehensive design for the picnic area taking into account the following:

- Better outdoor furniture should be provided for the outdoor seating area.

- The outdoor seating area should be carefully designed to include landscaping or fencing to make the area more aesthetically pleasing thereby meeting the ***Design Review Guidelines*** for a business located in the **Corridor Protection District**.

Mr. Brendel motioned to approve the white aluminum window for ARB# 29-02 and table the request for picnic tables and benches until a more comprehensive plan of the outdoor seating area was provided to include concerns expressed by the Board at the meeting:

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker.

Abstain: None.

ARB

SIGN# 12-02 Rocky's Ice Cream/1351 Richmond Road - Free-standing & Building Mounted Sign

Nicholas Tessino presented his request for a building mounted and freestanding sign. He noted that the building mounted sign "Ice Cream" sign would be the same color and letter font as the existing Whitley Peanuts' building mounted sign. Mr. Tessino proposed to provide landscaping and light fixtures to match the existing landscaping and light fixtures for the "Whitley Peanut" sign and presented a photo to the Board.

A general discussion followed with the Board agreeing that the freestanding sign design with the "It's a knockout" burst was not appropriate and that only two fonts would be permitted for the lettering. Mr. Tessino agreed with the Board's request to removed the "It's a knockout" burst from the sign and stated that he would like to add the lettering to the sign. The Board agreed that if additional lettering was added to the sign that the sign must be redesigned and submitted to the Board for review.

Mr. Williams motioned to approve the "Ice Cream" building mounted sign for Sign# 12-02 and table the freestanding sign until a revised sign drawing could be bought back to the Board for review.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker.

Abstain: None.

ARB# 30-02 Chanello's Pizza/1673 Richmond Road – Exterior change (walk-in cooler)

Frank Mallette was present to discuss the walk-in cooler behind the building at 1673 Richmond Road. He stated that he was willing to paint the cooler the same color as the building in accordance with staff's recommendation.

Mr. Brendel motioned to approve ARB# 30-02 conditioned upon the walk-in cooler being painted the same color as the building within thirty days.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Ms. Williams, Mr. Freiling, Mr. Williams, Mr. Brendel, and Mr. Spence.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Sandbeck and Mr. Walker.

Abstain: None.

OTHER

Miniature Lights

The Board approved the memorandum and proposed zoning ordinance revision requesting that Planning Commission delete the provision that miniature lights could be allowed after January 2nd if approved by the Architectural Review Board.

Minutes of March 12, 2002, meeting

The minutes were approved with minor changes as noted by Chairman Williams.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer